

PERSONAL MENTION.

Two baptisms at Vinco, Pa.

Three additions by baptism at Goshen, Indiana.

Warsaw has had a great revival led by Brother Yoder.

Brethren Rench and Phillips spent their vacation at the college.

Brother E. H. Smith reports two baptisms at Detroit, Kansas.

Brother J. C. Beal, B. Com. S., Ashland University, is at home during vacation.

The department conducted by Brother J. D. McFaden is worth the price of the paper.

Brother George Neff reports three accessions by baptism in the Pleasant View church.

College term closed December 21. The students have taken their leave for a ten-day's vacation.

Sister M. M. Sterling is conducting a series of meetings at Meyersdale, Pa. Will the brethren please report?

Garwin, Iowa, gave Brother Hall a very pleasant and substantial surprise as an appreciation of his services.

It affords us pleasure to hear once more from our Brother Swihart. He had quite a pleasant experience in his journey south.

Miss Berkley, Mus. M., Ashland University, spends part of her vacation at Glenford, giving a musical for the benefit of the S. S. C. E.

Brother J. Allen Miller dedicated a new church at Williamstown, O., Sunday, Dec. 23. He spends a few days at Glenford this week.

Let every pastor in the church make an effort to send at least *one* student from his congregation. There is no more substantial way of helping the college than in this way.

Read the news from the Pike church, Pa., by brother J. F. Koontz. *Thirty-six additions.* That is a congregation in itself. Brother Koontz is one of the quiet-workers who say little, but do a tremendous amount of work.

Brother Z. T. Livingood has volunteered to write on *twelve* of the topics, announced through the EVANGELIST. This is as it should be.

Brethren and sisters who *can* write *ought* to write. There are a number of others who should be as liberal as Brother Livingood. We need contributions more than anything else—good, readable, instructive articles on topics of general interest to the Brotherhood.

We are pleased to announce the return of Brother P. J. Brown to our columns. It has been a long time since the Brotherhood has heard from him, the responsibility of which does not rest on him alone. We should like to say something about the beautiful sentiment expressed in his article, but he says so many nice things about the editor, that, to speak too highly of his contribution might be misinterpreted. Accept our thanks Brother Brown and write again.

Here is a testimonial from one of Prof. Phillips's students.

This is to certify that I have been taking lessons in stenography for the past 10 weeks under Prof. Phillips's management, and find that I can already report ordinary conversation fairly well.

I consider Mr. Phillips's system commendable, and his earnest effort in behalf of his pupils, are all one could wish for, in teaching the greatest possible speed consistent with correct work.

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Many similar ones can be given, if desired. Our daughter has taken lessons for eight or ten weeks and we are surprised at the progress made under the thorough and efficient instruction of Prof. Phillips. He should have and deserves a large class.

A NEW YEAR'S GREETING—TO THE NEW EDITOR.

BY AN OLD CONTRIBUTOR.

1st. We wish the Editor and his family, including all the readers both old and young, not only a "happy New Year, but, a happy *year*. And in the next place we wish to say, that while sickness prevented a participation in the selection of an editor, the choice of the Conference meets with our unqualified approval. We have been acquainted with Bro. Gnagey almost from his boyhood and we know that his relation with the Brethren Church is not founded upon anything but a conviction of duty. He is in every sense *one of us* having suffered the ostracism common with the founders of the present organization of the Brethren Church and we naturally feel more confidence in the steadfastness, and purity of motive, as well as the soundness in the faith of that class of brethren than we can feel in any of the late arrivals, and we hope the experience we have endured with a considerable number of the latter class, will teach us to be a little slow in preferring them in places of trust and responsibility to the former class, whom we know to be brethren indeed. And while the occasion seems to be an auspicious one we will venture a few suggestions as to our understanding of the duties of the Editor of a church paper.

In the first place it must be remembered that all who read such papers,

and especially "outsiders," expect the paper to reflect the faith, doctrine and practices of the church of which it is the organ.

Nothing could be more reasonable and for that reason, if for no other, the editor should faithfully and unflinchingly keep the paper in line with the generally accepted faith and teaching of the church, not only so, but he should show himself a master-hand in advocating and defending the doctrines of the church whose servant he is. We are happy to say in this connection that we have nothing to complain of in this respect against any of our former editors.

2nd. In the second place we regard it as very important, when questions are viewed upon which the church has never passed, neither in general conference, nor general acquiescence, consent and practice, that the editor of a religious journal should stand upon the ground, and rigidly adhere to and defend the views entertained as Orthodox by the more intelligent and influential denominations of Christendom. We are not ignorant of the fact that there is, upon the part of a few, a disposition to belittle, and even ridicule the idea of any orthodoxy but we pity rather than blame such stupidity. Whenever we cut loose in this respect from the learned and intelligent Christian world and raise the standard of "less church" and free thought we will be about ready to plunge into the whirlpool of individualism, universalism and infidelity, and whenever an editor becomes guilty of such an assumption he will either anarchize the church, or the church must dismiss him from the editorship. Of the two evils we think the latter is the less. Action cannot be too prompt for the good of the cause. We are however happy to say, that we feel no solicitude in that direction so far as concerns our new Editor. We believe him to be one of the "tried and true." And now brethren we ask you to come and help hold up his arms, both by subscriptions and contributions, help to make the paper what it should be, an *Evangelist indeed*. We close as we commenced by wishing all not only a happy New year but a happy year entire.

P. J. BROWN.

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Again, we call the attention to our premium offer on page 16. If you want a *good Bible, the very best*, here is an opportunity to get the Bible at *almost half price* and the EVANGELIST thrown in. This applies to *cash subscriptions only*. It is a rare opportunity and you should avail yourself of it. Besides this Bible offer, our club rates certainly are very liberal. The price of the EVANGELIST is \$1.50 per year. But as an inducement to our subscribers, we make this offer:—

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